



# The Manitoba Pharmaceutical Association

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## Disposal of Unwanted Medications and Hazardous Waste

Pharmacists may take medication **returned by patients** to Miller Environmental Corporation for no charge disposal. This service is paid for by Conservation Manitoba and is able to accept only medication returned by patients. Please call Miller Environmental in advance at 925-9600 to advise them that you are coming. Their hours are Monday to Friday from 9 AM to 4 PM for pharmacies.

Weekend hours are reserved for general public hazardous waste disposal.

Miller Environmental Corporation - 1803 Hekla Ave, Winnipeg - **Phone 925-9600.**  
(North of the railway underpass off Keewatin St.)

The medications can be removed from the original prescription containers and placed in boxes or plastic bottles, securely closed and **labeled with the name and address of the pharmacy.**

Pharmacists must denature narcotics and controlled drugs as well as targeted substances by placing them all together in a bottle and making a slurry with alcohol and water. Analgesic patches, such as fentanyl patches should be unwrapped, carefully folded so the adhesive side sticks to itself and placed in the bottle. Avoid getting any gel on your skin. Should you need to remove any gel from your skin, rinse with CLEAR water. (No Alcohol, No Soap)

Pharmacies wanting to appropriately discard unwanted accumulated inventory will be charged for the service and must arrange in advance for the disposal with the sales department of Miller Environmental Corporation.

**Miller Environmental will not accept hypodermic syringes for disposal** as they are not covered by the Conservation Manitoba program. Stericycle Inc located at 8-2310 Logan Ave. (phone 697-4463) operates a program for syringe disposal and pharmacies wishing to participate must contact Mr. Duane Wesa for details and costs.